

interests of the state Notwithstanding this, we believed then and believe now that inasmuch as the deposit was made upon the condition that the Legislature should accept the proposition of Mr. Best, they should not be paid out of this fund if we were ever jealous of the fair honor of our party and our representatives, this is the head and front of our offending.

A&H—GP

*Joel Henry Davis*<sup>170</sup> and *Julius F. Jones*<sup>171</sup> to *Thomas J. Jarvis*

Beaufort Carteret Co. N.C.  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 1880

At a meeting of the citizens of Carteret County irrespective of party held at Beaufort on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the undersigned instructed as per the 4<sup>th</sup> Resolution to send a copy to your Excellency.

### *Resolutions*

*Whereas* the citizens of Carteret County are burdened with a debt of over \$100.000 arising out of her subscription to the Stock of "The Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Company" and for this reason, and the fact that she possesses the best harbor in the State, her interests and her opinions ought to be treated with respect, in any disposition which may be made of said Railroad,

—And whereas "The Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company" has lately made propositions to lease said "Atlantic & N. C Railroad,"<sup>172</sup> which propositions it is said have been favorably considered by certain stockholders having more regard for their personal advantage than the interests of Carteret County and the public;

And whereas through some proceeding of which the citizens of this County are not informed and do not approve, 500 Shares of

<sup>170</sup>Farmer of Beaufort; member of the General Assembly, 1868. Branson, *Directory*, 1878, 58; Connor, *Manual*, 1913, 540.

<sup>171</sup>Sheriff of Carteret County and a cotton gin owner. Branson, *Directory for 1884*, 183–184.

<sup>172</sup>On June 24, 1880, the stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad passed a resolution in favor of leasing the road if good terms could be secured. Brown, *State Movement*, 247. See also Jarvis to Simmons, June 21, 1880, n. 166, in this volume.